

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 26, 2013

The Honorable Eric Shinseki
Secretary
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Secretary Shinseki:

As you know, your department concluded earlier this year that systemic failures at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System caused the preventable deaths of five veterans.

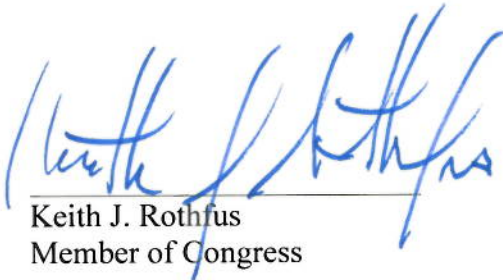
On September 9, 2013 during a hearing of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, Under Secretary Robert A. Petzel said the VA was delaying any administrative action relating to the deaths in Pittsburgh until conclusion of a Justice Department criminal investigation. On November 21, 2013 the Justice Department announced that it had concluded its investigation and that it would not bring criminal charges. Now that the criminal investigation is complete, we request information on what related administrative action the VA plans to take.

Thank you for your service and attention to our request.

Sincerely,



Pat Toomey
United States Senator



Keith J. Rothfus
Member of Congress